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2020/21 Rhode Island School Reopening

Board of Education Meeting

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RIDE Rhode Island
Department
of Education

Our schools are ready for full in-person learning.

Every school district – except Providence and Central Falls – met our public health criteria for full reopening.

01

STATEWIDE READINESS ✓

- Does the state-level data indicate we should be in Phase 3 or higher?

02

MUNICIPAL READINESS ✓

- Do municipal-level case prevalence rates indicate it's safe to fully reopen (<100 new weekly cases per 100k residents)?

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TESTING READINESS ✓

- Do we have the ability to test all symptomatic staff and students and on average get results within 48-72 hours?

04

SUPPLY READINESS ✓

- Does every school have more than sufficient cleaning supplies, soap/hand sanitizer, and face masks?

05

OPERATIONAL READINESS ✓

- Does every district have a plan that has been vetted by RIDE/RIDOH?
- Does every plan include necessary health precautions (i.e. mask requirement, social distancing, stable pods, safe transportation, facility readiness, accommodations for staff/students with underlying health conditions)?
- Does every school have a point-person to work with RIDE and RIDOH on testing and contact tracing?
- Does every school have health screening protocols in place?
- Does every school have a plan to support staff and students if they become ill?

Return of ~100K students for in-person instruction

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) have the option to phase students back to full or partial in-person instruction until October 13th. 55/62 LEAs returning under a full in person scenario.

Partial Reopening

Central Falls

Providence

Limited Reopening

Warwick

Pawtucket

Full Distance Learning

International Charter School

The Learning Community

Blackstone Valley Prep

Supporting Schools

Throughout the summer, RIDE and state agencies supported the LEAs and non-publics.

Operational Readiness



- RIDE and RIDOH reviewed the health and safety section of Local Education Agency (LEA) and nonpublic school reopening plans, which included:
 - Required use of faces masks
 - Social distance requirement
 - Communications with staff, students and families
 - Cleaning Protocols

Facilities Walk-throughs



- The State conducted reopening walkthroughs of 301 PK-12 schools that were completed by September 9th.
- The goal was to support LEAs in ensuring they had operationalized different elements of their plans.
- The Education Operations Center continues to assist schools with technical assistance on operations and logistics.

Professional Learning Supports



- RIDE curated a robust menu of synchronous and asynchronous FREE professional learning opportunities for school and district employees focused on:
 - Health, Wellness & Community Engagement
 - Instructional Core & Distance Learning
- RIDE developed instructional guides for different grades and content areas

A Collaborative Approach to Supporting Schools

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), and Rhode Island National Guard (RING) have built a dedicated interagency support framework for schools.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

- Provide high-quality learning experiences that support strong education outcomes
- Isolate symptomatic students, report all probable cases to RIDOH, and assist RIDOH with case investigation
- Implement all health & cleaning protocols
- Ensure safe transportation for all students
- Maintain PPE and cleaning supplies
- Establish clear communication processes



Education Operations Center

RIDOH

- Health Guidance
- Case Investigation
- Contact Tracing
- Dedicated PK-12 Testing Program

RIDE

- Instructional Support
- Operating Guidance
- Communications

Additional State Supports

- LEA Assistance Teams
- Contingency Supplies
- Planning and Logistics Support

Thank you!

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